

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Judy Jenkins, Director of Student Learning

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SUBJECT: Heritage Language Learners Standards

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is responsible for developing academic standards for content areas and courses of K-12 education. In recent months, IDOE facilitated committees comprised of K-12 content experts, K-12 administrators, parents, higher education staff and members of the business community to draft standards for Heritage Language Learners (HLL). At this time, IDOE invites the public to review the HLL standards and provide feedback in order to build the best set of standards possible.

Public Review

The current draft of the HLL standards is available online for public review and comment at http://www.doe.in.gov/standardsreview and will be posted through September 4, 2009.

The comments and recommendations received will be incorporated into a "final" draft that will be submitted to the State Board of Education for consideration.